

House Resolution No. 835

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize young men who have excelled during their association with the Boy Scouts of America program with its emphasis on physical, mental, and spiritual growth; self-reliance; personal values; service to others; and an appreciation and understanding of the wonderful natural world; and

Whereas, Benjamin Thomas Costello of Troop 351 has successfully completed all of the stringent requirements for Scouting's highest advancement award, the rank of Eagle Scout, which will be bestowed upon him during an Eagle Court of Honor on March 13, 2005, at Saint Charles Borromeo Parish; and

Whereas, attainment of the Eagle Scout rank is dependent upon the sequential completion of each of the Boy Scout steps of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, and expected troop service, a requirement admirably fulfilled by Benjamin through the billets of Chaplain Aide, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Quartermaster, and National Jamboree Quartermaster; and

Whereas, diligent labors by Benjamin earned him the Arrow of Light, the Parvuli Dei religious award, a Mile Swim patch, a Leave No Trace award, induction into the Order of the Arrow, Shiloh Military Battlefield Veteran Hiker status, and twenty-two merit badges which are arrayed on his uniform sash as a visual illustration of the diverse skills and knowledge which he has acquired as a Boy Scout; and

Whereas, in keeping with Scouting practice, Benjamin applied the knowledge which he learned at troop meetings in many camping, hiking, and service activities, including a Florida Keys Out Island Adventure and Bahamas Adventure, the National Scouting Jamboree, a Colorado Troop High Adventure, a Gettysburg Troop High Adventure, and a Boundary Waters Canoe Adventure for a total of ninety-nine nights spent outdoors, 144.5 miles hiked, and 50 miles paddled; and

Whereas, Benjamin completed an Eagle Project which consisted of designing and producing three shelving units with adjustable shelves and a craft paper dispenser for Saint Charles High School to serve as a capstone to his Scouting career and to stand as a constant reminder of his dedication to serving others, an admirable trait which justifies the esteemed role which Scouting plays in today's society:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the outstanding achievements realized by Benjamin Costello during his twelve-year-long sojourn with Scouting and to congratulate him for having the drive and energy necessary to attain the rank of Eagle; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for new Eagle Scout Benjamin Thomas Costello, son of Don M. and Patricia L. Costello of Saint Charles, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Dempsey
District No. 18

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 835, adopted March 2, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker